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US INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION POLICY ~~(S)~~

In the interests of clarifying and elaborating national policy in the area of international information and integrating information policy and strategy with the other components of US national security, I am directing that a comprehensive study of US international information policy be undertaken. ~~(S)~~

The study should result in a draft National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) on US International Information Policy for consideration by the National Security Council and, in turn, for my decision. ~~(S)~~

The review and resulting NSDD should include consideration of the following topics:

-- The international information environment, including the general role of ideas, opinion and communications factors in international politics. ~~(S)~~

-- Role of international information in US national security policy and objectives of US international information activities, including regional and specific audience objectives. ~~(S)~~

-- Roles and missions of US international information agencies and organizations. ~~(S)~~

-- Relationship of US international information to other components of US national security strategy: diplomacy, political action, economic action, military force. ~~(S)~~

-- Role of US international information organizations and facilities in situations of crisis and war. ~~(S)~~

-- Guidelines and principles of US international information in the political, economic, social, military and arms control areas, with particular attention to the issues of freedom of information and human rights. ~~(S)~~

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-- The role and conduct of research on public opinion, communications and cultural factors affecting US policy concerns. ~~(S)~~

-- Programming policy and strategy relative to the instruments of international information: radio broadcasting, publications, speakers, films and TV, exhibits, the foreign press. ~~(S)~~

Management of this review will be the responsibility of the Special Planning Group, the interagency coordinating group on public diplomacy. A draft NSDD should be submitted for National Security Council consideration not later than June 1, 1983. ~~(S)~~

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